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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB)

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1. REFTEL A REPORTED AGREEMENT AMONG WEO'S IN NEW YORK THAT MALTA BE NOMINATED AS GROUP B CANDIDATE FOR SEAT ON UNIDO'S IDB. THIS MESSAGE SEEKS REVERSAL THEAT AGREEMENT.

2. MISSION IS CONCERNED BY REPORT (PARA 8 REFTEL A) THAT WEO'S IN NEW YORK HAVE INFORMALLY APPROVED MALTA AS CANDIDATE FOR GRUP B SEAT ON UNIDO'S IDB. THE IDB MEMBERSHIP IS ARRANGED ON A GROUP SYSTEM BASED ON ANNEX TO GA RES. 2152 (XXI) AND, AS IN THE CASE OF UNCTAD'S TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, CAUCUSING IN GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS TO COORDINATE POSITIONS IS A MAJOR ELEMENT IN NEGOTIATIONS GROUP B CAUCUSES HAVE FROVEN ESSENTIAL TO

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MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS IN PREPARATION FOR, AND TO ARRANGE TACTICS DURING, MEETINGS OF EDB AND PRMANENT COMMITTEE AS WELL AS IN NEGOTIATIONS ON CONSTITUTION FOR UNIDO AS SPECIALIZED AGENCY (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL RESUME IN

EARLY 1978).

3. AS NOTED REFTELS B AND C, MALTA, ALTHOUGH FORMALLY A MEMBER OF GROUP B, HAS CHOSEN TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH G-77; IN CASE OF UNCTAD, MALTA UNDERTOOK NOT TO MAKE USE OF ITS FORMAL INCLUSION AMONG MEMBERSHIP OF GROUP B. PROBLEM HAS NOT AS YET ARISEN IN UNIDO CONTEXT SINCE ACTIVELY IN UNIDO. ELECTION OF MALTA TO UNIDO'S EDB WOULD, HOWEVER, MEAN EITHER THAT WEO'S (GROUP B) HAD IN EFFECT HANDED ONE OF THEIR SEATS OVER TO G-77, OR THAT MALTA WOULD APPEAR IN GROUP B CAUCUS AS A G-77 "TROFAN HORSE", SERIOUSLY COMPLICATING GROUP B COORDINATION ON POLICY AND TACTICS.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MALTA HAS NO DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT IN VIENNA AND HAS NOT ACCREDITED A REPRESENTATIVE TO UNIDO. THIS SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY THAT MALTA, IF ELECTED TO EDB, MIGHT CONTINUE NOT TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF EDB AND PERMANENT COMMITTEE. EVEN IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER,

THE MINIMUM DAMAGE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM ELECTION OF MALTA WOULD BE EFFECTIVE LOSS OF ONE GROUP B SEAT ON UNIDO GOVERNING BODY.

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AND SUUN SEEK REVISION OF INFORMAL AGREEMENT REPORTED REFTEL A AND EXCLUDE MALTA FROM LIST OF GROUP B CANDIDATES FOR EDB.

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